From the Principal:

Dear Silvia Families,

Well we are off and running after just finishing our first full week of school! I can’t compliment our students enough on their ability to be resilient and strong while at the same time taking on many new practices to keep us all as safe as possible. It is amazing to have students back in our classrooms. Since our first day of the 2020-2021 school year on September 16th, we have made so much progress and it already feels like we are in a groove. At the same time, and as to be expected, we have had and will continue to have some bumps in the road as we all adjust to the shifts that had to be made.

Thank you parents and guardians for all of your flexibility and understanding. When we all work together as a Silvia team there is nothing we can’t overcome.

Thank you Silvia staff!! I applaud every one of you for the time and effort you have put into your passion of teaching our Silvia students. I have been amazed by your creativity, preparation and patience.

We will be using The Silvia Spotlight as a weekly communication piece with our families. Now, more than ever, it is important we are all on the same page. In addition, we want to get families information in an organized and timely manner and this weekly update will help with that.

Another form of communication is the Silvia Twitter page found HERE. The handle name is @FRPS_Silvia.

We hope this finds you all well and please continue to communicate with us if you have questions, concerns, or feedback.

Sincerely,

Patrick Lenz

News and Updates

Attendance:

- The Department of Secondary and Elementary Education requires that attendance of students be taken and recorded every school day. This includes both in person and remote learners.
- Teachers have provided families with daily schedules which include the time for taking attendance.
- We understand families have busy schedules and we are willing to work with you as we transition into this new school year. However, we have a 6 hour and 17 minute school day that students are required to attend. If they do not attend for all or portions of the school day, then we must document it as such (i.e. absent, tardy, dismissed early).
- If you have individual circumstances, please contact your classroom teacher.

Drop Off Arrivals:

- We do not open the doors to Silvia School until 7:40 am and this past week we had cars lining up for drop off at 7:00 am. This is causing an unnecessary back up as well as preventing our staff from getting into the building.

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Parent Handbook:
- The Silvia Parent Handbook was emailed home to families. It is also posted on our Silvia Website found HERE.
- Please review the handbook (HERE) as it is a wealth of important information.

Upcoming Dates/Events:
- The week of September 28th is a Cohort C in person week and a Cohort D remote learning week.
- Stay tuned for dates of our virtual whole school open house and individual teachers’ open house.
- Please find our school calendar HERE.

Fourth grade, led by our very own Ms. Perry, practices yoga during a mask break.

Operational Plan:
- Please continue to remind your child(ren) of the importance of following our Operational Plan. This includes, but is not limited to, maintaining at least six feet of distance, wearing masked appropriately, hand washing and/or sanitizing, and listening carefully to adults.
- Please find our Operational Plan HERE.
- Please find our whole school orientation video HERE.

Technology Updates:
- Families who were in need of Chromebooks, but were not able to get one in our original distribution were asked to fill out a survey. We have received 75 Chromebooks and notified 75 families that they could pick up a device this past Thursday and Friday.
- There are still about 25 families in need of a device. We are expecting more Chromebooks to be delivered to Silvia soon. Once we have them we will communicate with families.
- If you were notified to come this past Thursday and Friday, and didn’t show up without communicating with the school, we will loan the device to the next family on our list that is in need.
- All grades PreK through 5 are in session. All families should have their child(ren)’s login information. If you are having struggles, your classroom teacher should be notified.

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